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## The Story of the Charles Camsell Hospital

Hot off the press in early October will be a book about the Charles Camsell Hospital entitled "The Camsell Mosaic." In it are poems and letters written by patients for The Camsell Arrow, contributions by former patients, doctors and staff members, stories of rescue flights, X-ray surveys and public health nursing and over two hundred pictures. Writers live as far away as South Carolina,

U.S.A., Whitehorse and Fort Simpson in the north and east and west from Ottawa to Victoria.

The project was made possible by the support of the Hospital Board and Administration, grants from New Horizons, Health and Welfare Canada and Alberta Culture, Historical Resources Division and the enthusiasm and co-operation of all who wrote or sent pictures.



Christmas Eve, Ward 5A, 1954

## BC Natives Win Injunction Against CN

by Al Shapiro

A ruling by the Supreme Court of British Columbia has temporarily halted a \$400 million plan of the federal government to construct a second track along the western section of the Canadian National Railway.

Mr. Justice Bruce Macdonald, noting that Canada's Native peoples have been badly treated in past judgements, granted three Indian bands an interim injunction that prevents construction of the major project through the Thompson River Valley.

A lawyer for Canadian National had argued that the Indians should not be allowed to interfere because Ottawa was "next door to God" when it came to deciding where the track should be built.

But Judge Macdonald saw things differently. In a formal 25-minute statement, he cited three grounds for granting the Natives an injunction. Quoting a recent decision by the court to ban logging on Meares Island until Native land claims go to trial, Judge Macdonald remarked that he wanted to "preserve the status quo until a trial can meander a way through a complex maze of legal issues".

Macdonald observed that the project may breach property, proprietary and Aboriginal rights the Indians may have to the 13-kilo-metres of river land. He also said there could be precedents to show the

Indians do indeed have a strong case, but that their rights may infringe with what the government perceives is in the national interest.

### Fishing at Stake

CN planned to fill in the river bed with rocks to allow room for a second track along the precipitous slopes near Ashcroft. The Indians however, suggested a different method of construction that would not have interfered with the fish habitat, or their night-time fishing, in what is believed by many to be one of the province's major rivers for steelhead.

"We're just ecstatic," said Edna Louis, co-ordinator of legal action for the Indians. "I think we must really applaud the decision of the chiefs involved, because they took the risk of losing everything had things gone wrong."

The \$24-million section in

the valley is considered very important to the double-tracking proposal to upgrade rail capacity between Edmonton and Vancouver.

Though the injunction is temporary, Judge Macdonald said construction could still get the green light if the Natives' arguments are ultimately rejected.

"The \$9-million price tag might not be too high a price for the rest of the country," said the judge in reference to the Natives' proposals. "But this is a small stretch, and to accede to a no-encroachment rule would escalate the total cost of the project beyond reason."

Natives along the Thompson and Fraser Rivers — altogether 36 bands on 52 reserves (collectively known as the Alliance of Tribal Councils) — have been opposing the plan for continued on Page 3

## Erasmus New AFN Chief

by A. Shapiro

Many Yukon Indian leaders are satisfied with the victory of former president of the Dene Nation, George Erasmus, who recently won the position of national grand chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN).

Erasmus took 274 votes, 43 more than his chief rival and former AFN president, David Ahenakew. The three other candidates, Ernie Daniels of Manitoba (10 votes), Grayden Nicholas of New Brunswick (44 votes), and Simon Lucas of British Columbia (69 votes), all dropped out after the first ballot.

Ahenakew supporters threatened to walk out of the conference after the vote was taken, to form an organization of their own. Several weeks go they did just that.



Georges Erasmus



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## Language Reflects Culture

In the Yukon today, the language spoken by the great majority of the Native population is English. That includes most young adults, and virtually 100 per cent of the Indian teens and pre-adolescents. The indigenous languages here — Kaska, Southern Tutchone, Gwich'in (Loucheux), Northern Tutchone, Tlingit, Tagish, and Han are still alive, but just barely.

Much of the blame for the decline, and in the case of the Tagish language — almost total extinction, rests with the Department of Indian Affairs. When the Indian Act was legislated, it had a devastating effect on all Aboriginal peoples of Canada.

The Federal Government, however, isn't the sole body responsible for this calamity. Some of the blame must be laid at the feet of Indian parents and grandparents, as well as the chiefs, councils and elders who failed to make the necessary effort to use the language that is their cultural heritage.

It's been quite tragic for the last two generations of Indian Yukoners — the period marking the major influx of white people into the north. But all of a sudden, there's a sense of real change in the Native communities. And this newfound admiration and appreciation for Indian culture is finding expression among the youth — as it should be!

Indian children are exposed to traditional lifestyles

and language through their parents, uncles, aunts and friends. These people's teachings are about a universe in the here and now, and a universe inhabited by natural and animal spirits, awesome shamans, and a strong clan system. It's clear these teachers have a fierce sense of respect for the Great Spirit, and the worlds of the river, the sun, the moon, the stars, and the land.

Now it's up to the Indian language instructors and teachers to carry on the struggle to preserve Indian language and culture. Most Natives realize that there is nothing weird or embarrassing in being able to speak their traditional language.

No longer will the government or the churches attempt to extinguish the "guttural grunts and

groans" of a supposedly paganistic people. Some branches of government, in conjunction with Native organizations, are now actively involved in nurturing the language process. Native language teachers present the traditional tongue in a positive fashion, highlighting the aesthetic beauty and subtle complexities of word and emotions.

Speaking a language, whatever its origin, is a special talent. Children can learn any language in the world, if the language is continually spoken around them. But language also has to communicate something meaningful to the child. And since language is so closely interrelated with culture, it only makes sense that Indian children should learn, must learn, their indigenous tongue.

## Where's The Debate

The economic forecasts for Albertans are not all that promising. That's the word according to the Conference Board of Canada, the body that regularly comments about the economic future of our province.

What economic growth we have had in 1985 will be stifled by 1986. Unemployment will stay high — probably in the double-digit range. Consumer demand and retail sales are expected to slump. And our overall economy will once again take a slide on the downward spiral.

What are the Tories planning to do about it? At the present time, they appear more interested in electing their next leader than acting on the economy.

The problems facing Alberta's economy and its people aren't going to fly away with the leadership race. Now is the time for the Tory candidates to present ideas and positions that will help diversify our economy, so that we can get out of the boom-or-bust syndrome.

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# Indian Association of Alberta Will Put The Brakes on Crombie

Leaders of the Indian Association of Alberta have learned that the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, David Crombie, is high-handed tactics in attempting to force amendments to the Indian Act through the House of Commons. Persistent attacks by the Indian Nations from Alberta had effectively bottled up the legislation up till this point. The Treaty Indian Chiefs and the Indian Association of Alberta are taking the Minister to task for violating some of the fundamen-

al operating principles that have stood up for several generations in the Parliament of Canada. The Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, who have been involved for several years in the amendment of the Indian Act issue, had prepared forty-two recommendations for the House of Commons, and some of those recommendations were aimed at recognizing inalienable rights of Chiefs and Councils to run their own affairs. Crombie, who seems to be demonstrating contempt for the good judgement of his Parliamentary colleagues by this breach of Parliamentary protocol, is under fire from the Treaty Indians of Alberta and from some of his own party's M.P.s in the House of Commons. Among these critics are several P.C. Members of Parliament from Alberta, who are tuned in with the aspirations of the Indian people. Bill C-31, An Act to Amend the Indian Act, has met a steady barrage of resistance from the Treaty Indians of Alberta, essentially from December, 1984,

till the present. Regardless of intensive lobbying efforts and seriously conceived presentations to the Standing Committee of the House and the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs, the Government of Canada appears still prepared to undercut the Treaty Indian Nations' international right to self-determination as set out in United Nations covenants, to which Canada is a party. Crombie's bold, contemptible action is seen as a serious threat to the Treaty and Aboriginal Rights of the Indian Nations which

have been imperfectly enshrined in the Canada Act. Legal consultants for the Indian Association of Alberta believe that Crombie's efforts to meddle with the Indian Act are very likely unconstitutional, since the true aboriginal rights of Indian governments, which are in the Canada Act, include the right to determine who their citizens are. Chiefs and councils have the right to adopt their own citizenship codes so as to identify the people who comprise their nations. They had that right at treaty-signing time a century ago, and

they will not relinquish it now. Faced with this newly mounted crisis, one of the most vocal Treaty Indian Chiefs has wisely come out and suggested that Crombie step down as Minister of Indian Affairs. He has said that he will be the last Minister for the Indian Nations. The Board of the Indian Association of Alberta have decided to make the Indian Act a top priority. As a consequence, the annual meeting of the I.A.A., scheduled for June 11-13th at Sturgeon Lake reserve, will be postponed for a month.

## Injunction — continued

fear the construction would significantly damage salmon spawning grounds in several areas.

An environmental assessment body approved the plan for 709 kilometres of line between Vancouver and New Westminster. "The Indians cannot veto the project," said the judge. "It involves the express consent of the federal cabinet."

## Slow Movement in Land Base Issue

by H. Chaparral

Although there's little change on the issue of land rights for the Lubicon Lake Band members, their struggle is gaining support throughout the country.

At the New Democratic Party's 13th federal convention, a resolution to support the Lubicon Lake Band was unanimously approved.

The Hon. Davie Fulton, a

special negotiator appointed by Indian Affairs minister, David Crombie, will release a preliminary report on the situation within two months. Fulton has already visited band members at Little Buffalo last month.

The Supreme Court of Canada recently turned down an appeal by the band to present their case a second time. The provincial court of Alberta had previously ruled that oil and

gas development in the area was legal.

Earlier this year, Premier Lougheed refused to accept a supportive statement of the Band's demands at the western premiers' conference in Grande Prairie.

At the time of that meeting, a conglomeration of church, labor, Metis and Indian officials met with band members to draw up the statement.

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# Leaked Document Still Creating Problems

The civil servant who leaked a secret report that became known as the "Buffalo Jump of the 80s", is fast becoming a martyr for the opposition political parties.

Richard Price, an ordained United minister, was let go from his position as senior manager in Indian Affairs several weeks ago. Price has since been charged with breach of trust, and could be sentenced to five years in prison if found guilty.

The 61-page report was ostensibly prepared for the

inner Cabinet by Erik Neilson, deputy prime minister and leader of a task force reviewing cuts in the Conservative government.

The report recommended doing away with the "non-viable" Native economic institutions, reducing health care costs through "deterrent" fees, and "deceleration" of land claim settlements until a government position on Native self-government is in place.

Jim Fulton, NDP Native Affairs critic, took the leaked document and presented it in the House of Commons

in May. Both he and NDP leader Ed Broadbent tried unsuccessfully to get the government to admit responsibility for the report.

Fulton said the "Buffalo Jump" analogy was apt. "The authors of the document knew very well that it would mean cultural extermination, and in some cases actual extermination of tribes and bands," he commented.

Although Fulton acknowledged that he never met or spoke with Price, he supposed the document's unauthorized release. "It

was appropriate that the report was leaked for the public to know there was a growth within the Mulroney administration of an entirely new approach to Indian and Inuit people in Canada; a far more Draconian nature than the 1960 White Paper, which as assimilationist".

Fulton's outrage has been further augmented by the consequences Price must now face. "I find it the most repugnant document since the revelations of witnesses who saw the Haida people wiped out by smallpox in 1888, or the murder of the

Beothuks in the last century," said Fulton.

A number of church groups, as well as the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), and the Native Council of Canada have also expressed support for Price. Fulton said all Canadians should give Price a pat on the back for his courage and conscience.

"He should have been moved to another job, rather than go after him publicly," remarked Fulton. "What the Mulroney government has done is both wrong and ill-advised".

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# Slow Movement in Self-Government Issue

An open letter recently released by Metis Association of Alberta President Sam Sinclair suggests the provincial government isn't interested in dealing seriously with the issue of Native self-government.

Sinclair said the provincial government is merely paying "lip service" to the idea of getting a government structure in place for Native peoples.

Premier Lougheed sent a letter to Sinclair earlier this year, asking the MAA to submit a comprehensive draft agreement on Metis

self-government.

Sinclair submitted a plan he thought was both reasonable and moderate in approach. The MAA president called for the establishment of a joint Cabinet/Metis, committee as well as several working groups to explore and eventually reach an acceptable definition of Metis self-government for inclusion into the Canadian Constitution.

In June, Sinclair noted that Lougheed considered the proposal "reasonable". Said Sinclair: "he lead us to

believe that something concrete would flow from our submission." But a month later, Native Affairs minister Milt Pahl rejected the idea of a joint committee.

"It's bemusing and difficult to understand, in view of the fact the Alberta Government is opposed to the entrenchment of Aboriginal self-government until such time as it is defined more specifically," explained Sinclair. "The position adopted by the Alberta Government was evident at the First Ministers' Conference on Aboriginal Rights and the Canadian Constitution. Yet when we proposed a process, and invited representatives of the provincial government to participate, we are once again told no, in polite, diplomatic terms."

Pahl, however, indicated that the MAA proposal is still being pondered. "We haven't rejected anything yet. The idea of Aboriginal



Sam Sinclair

self-government as defined by national (Native) representatives was in effect a 'non-starter' at the last ministerial talks." The concept of Aboriginal self-government has not been accepted by the 10 provincial governments.

Pahl did point out, however, that the province is ready to examine how Aboriginal communities can

increase their participation in the decision-making process.

Jo-Anne Daniels, MAA vice-president, said the government still isn't playing fairly with Native peoples. "They want to keep tabs on us all the time, requesting prompt responses . . . yet they don't want to give us any indication of what they're doing", she said.

## Government Proceeds With Charges

by John Copley

Last month we ran an article which concerned the leaking of secret information from the office of Richard Price, then a senior management official with the Department of Indian Affairs.

We have received several inquiries as to the outcome of the charges against Richard Price.

Justice Minister John Crosbie recently told reporters that "There is no change in the case. Charges have been laid and they are going

to be proceeded with as far as the government is concerned."

Price was originally charged on July 19 following allegations that he had given secret information to his former theology professor. The material, which concerned plans to cut Native funding by over \$300 million, was brought to light by the New Democratic Party who attacked government on the issues contained in the secret document.

Price was fired from his post shortly after charges were laid.

## Notice of Meeting

Paddle Prairie  
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 17, 1985  
Community Hall

The Northern Alberta Development Council holds regular public meetings throughout Northern Alberta, giving everyone the opportunity to present briefs on matters of concern and general information.

The Council consists of ten members and is chaired by Norm Weiss, MLA for Lac La Biche/McMurray.

Groups or individuals interested in making submissions at the Paddle Prairie meeting should contact Council member Eugene Dextraze in High Level at 926-3474 or the Northern Development Branch in Peace River at 624-6274.



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# Push On For Scholarship Funds

by Jim Crow

The Native Studies director at the University of Manitoba, Paul Chartrand, said post-secondary institutions

should provide scholarships for Metis students as an incentive to further their education.

Chartrand noted that a capital fund for scholarships

needs to be established to provide money for those Metis students who have proven they can perform academically.

Chartrand acknowledged that universities, as well as other institutions, are reluctant to support scholarship funding because "there's been no cultural tradition of (formal) education in Native society; education has traditionally been acquired by example and through oral communication".

Saskatchewan is believed to be the only province in Canada that has created a scholarship fund for Metis. The province gave \$680,000 for this purpose, Chartrand said.

In the area of curriculum, Chartrand surmised that materials written by Natives

from a Native perspective are badly needed. "We need to re-write history to get a more balanced truth", he

remarked. "Instructors have a heavy task to accumulate materials. We use some things like papers such as AMMSA and the books 'Metis Land Rights in Alberta' for course materials, but that's not nearly enough."

Chartrand noted very little had been done by the province of Manitoba in recent years, principally because of a shortage of funds.

Chartrand believes that Natives are just as capable as whites when it comes to academics. "The key is motivation" he said. "Motivation comes from the self, family and peers. In my own case, I received encouragement from my parents".

Chartrand is currently working on a Masters Degree in law.



Paul Chartrand

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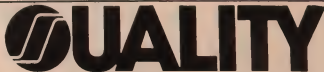
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# Metis Boxer Seeking Support

by Allan Shapiro

Professional boxing star Danny Lindstrom is looking for financial help to keep his career alive.

The Metis boxer has scored victories in his first two pro fights (both by TKO) but said he might not last much longer in the sport if he doesn't get a better training facility than the one he's working out at in Fort McMurray. Lindstrom desperately wants to train in Edmonton, where excellent facilities are available.

Lindstrom was apparently close to finalizing a deal with Chief Walter Twinn of the Sawridge Band, but the offer is now in limbo. Lindstrom is also waiting to hear from the Four Bands at Hobbema, who are still contemplating a serious proposal from the boxer.

Lindstrom had his career interrupted earlier this year when he was involved in an auto accident. The boxer's brother, Lambert was tragically killed.

Malcolm Gladue, a former member of the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA), is trying to help Lindstrom raise funds.

Gladue's campaign recently got underway at an MAA assembly, where he pleaded for support to get a promising Metis boxer on the road to glory. MAA president Sam Sinclair likened Lindstrom as someone who could be to the Metis people what Jackie Robinson and Joe Louis were to Blacks in the United States.

In his amateur boxing career, Lindstrom fought some of the world's best all over the world. He was also a former Alberta Golden



Danny Lindstrom

and Silver Gloves champion, and represented Canada in competitions such as the World Cup and Pan American Games.

Now fighting as a light

heavyweight, Lindstrom is looking for a shot at the Canadian title now held by Danny "Golden Boy" Lalonde. Lalonde is among the top ranked boxers in the world, and may soon fight

for the WBA championship.

During his amateur career, Lindstrom recorded 75 wins — 45 of them by knock-out and only 14 losses.

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# Native Musicians . . . A New Era

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Canadian Native singers are finally surfacing as performers with a unique combination of culture, morals, hope and humor in their music. Years of practice and experience have shown several Native musicians the path to becoming warriors of a different kind. Through a positive outlook in their musical attitude they pro-

mote the Native issues to a non-native audience who are beginning to turn a listening ear. In an interview with two of these outstanding performers, Winston Wuttunee and Shingoose, light is shed on their road to success.

Winston Wuttunee is a Cree Indian born and raised in Red Pheasant, Saskatchewan. He started singing as a child of five. "Out of

our family we had lots of leaders and medicine men. I started singing as a little boy. As I got older, I was told that my music was my medicine. I was blessed by the older people to go out and heal the people with my music. Music is a strong medicine. I haven't tried to be famous or gain national recognition by pursuing a career which would put me in the limelight all the time. I go to reserves, Native communities, Metis settlements and friendship centers all across the North American continent. When I'm up there singing my songs to the people and talking to them, how much more famous can you get. I appreciate what I do, because I've been blessed by old people to go out and sing."

And blessings he has. He has the ability to reach across any audience regardless of age, race or creed. From utter despair to hysterical laughter his songs will allow them to share his feelings. All of his songs come with a story. One of them called "I Cried" is based on a true story.

"I can't tell her story, but she is a very strong woman today. I remember seeing her at Small Boys' camp, a shivering mass of emotional jelly. When I saw her ten years later, I was really surprised because she had become a strong, strong woman and an Indian leader with lots of tradition behind her. She was talking to these young women at the University of Sudbury, Ontario. She said, 'My sisters, don't follow the path I've

gone on. If you can listen to my story and identify with it, you will save yourselves many tears along the trail of life."

She told this beautiful story about her drinking and carrying on, how she had lost her identity and felt ashamed and ugly inside. One day she decided to commit suicide, but the same side of her cried out to her, "Please wait for me." She turned around and saw that sane part of herself as a beautiful woman. That moved me to write the song."

His songs are like mirrors catching a reflection, so that all his listeners can see what someone else is sharing to the world.

"I have been able to identify with the people that talk about problems or tragedies. We all have had or been close to a tragedy in our lives. The nice thing is, I've been able to get something positive out of these tragedies by helping other people.

"The only thing I understand is, this gift was given to me to understand those things. I don't wish for tragedies. I just try to be happy right now where I am, to live for the moment. I try to understand nature, and listen to my dreams. When I write a song, it's not such that it's done with my own brains, but I hear it, like the song "I Cried". It was needed. A lot of people have come up to me and said it saved their lives."

He doesn't just write sensitive songs, or serious ones. He has one called "Goosed by a moose in the bush" (you can imagine what it's about). Another is about an Indian, speaking Cree, French and English . . . all at once. His songs are as varied as his personality, multi-faceted for a complicated society.

Then there's Shingoose!

Born in Rosa River, Saskatchewan, under the name Curtiss Jonnie, Shingoose has been playing for twenty years. It's only been recently that he has gained recognition as an accomplished musician. He's played at Mariposa folk festival in '73, was under contract with Glen Campbell, also in Vancouver, Winnipeg and Edmonton folk festivals, and before that . . . any local scene he could get. He's been around the block.

He has a unique form of humour. This Saulteaux Indian has a definite place in Native music.

"A lot of songs I did in the Seventies were radical

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and angry. Native people were angry... Like many Native people, I was searching for my identity and culture. As Native society changed, more of our people getting an education, changing attitudes and values, I was forced to come to terms with myself and my career as a performer."

He has performed with several notable musicians who have helped shape his career such as Willy Dunn, Duke Redbird, Lee Cremona, Alan Obamasawin, Glen Campbell and Roy Buchanan. "Roy is a 'guitar extra-ordinaire'", says Shingoose. "He's supported such performers as Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, and a dozen others. He's one of those guys that do it all and never got recognized for it. I played base guitar with him for a number of years. We played bars from Washington, Philadelphia, Vancouver... all that area. I hooked with Glen Campbell in 1975. I signed a five year writing/recording contract with him. He was going to use a lot of my material, but for other reasons it was never used. Rhinestone Cowboy came out, and he went in a whole different direction. We're still friends, and every time he comes into town we get together and do what friends do. Glen did a lot for me. He's a star. He's introduced me to a lot of people behind the scenes who would be there when I need them."

He is also deeply involved in setting up communication networks for Native communities across Canada.

He's trying to hook up all the Native peoples to the Seneca Television Communications Network through Telsat, a satellite delivery system. He feels it is very important to the social and economic development of the Native peoples of Canada. He has already made a good step in that direction.

"I have my own tele-

vision show called "Full Circle" that airs once a month out of Winnipeg. I'm also on the Board of Directors for the new Manitoba Public Television that's being proposed and is currently under application. I'm very much involved in Native high quality programming.

"As such I'll be doing a lot in the near future to help other Native artists get

exposure nationally and regionally. I'm also co-producing a show called "Mother Earth in Concert" which is going to be broadcast nationally probably sometime in the spring. It has people like Laura Vincent Seaweed, Alan Obamasawin, Rene and Tom Highway, Jerry Saddleback, Walter Lightning from the Hobbema reserve, and Charlie Hill who will be

hosting it and writing short comedy scenes. Tom Jackson and myself will also be in it. It will be one good hour of solid fun and entertainment. It's leaning on a more contemporary expression for the Native people. We just don't have enough of that. I see a real burst of

creative effort across the country, and I'm happy to be able to play a major role in it."

Shingoose, like Wut-tunee, has a lot of positives to offer the Native people. Both in their own way are enriching the Canadian Native cultural mosaic.

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## Grande Cache

# Correctional Centre on Schedule

The depressed coal town of Grande Cache is expected to get a big economic boost with the recent opening of a \$43 million medium security prison. The opening is also expected to be a small boon for Natives in the area.

Ross Willmot, director of the Grand Cache Correctional Centre, said at present there is one Native correctional officer and four kitchen employees on staff. He hopes to hire another six Native correctional officers in the near future. The town is projected to grow by at least 500 people because of the new staff and their families transferring to the jail.

Native owned Winiandy Co-op was given the contract to supply the prison with produce and vegetables. Another Native venture co-op on the rise is promised the contract to supply fresh eggs and fryers to the prison.

Under normal circumstances, construction of the centre would have been achieved utilizing a lump sum General Contract after the design and working drawings had been completed. However, a different approach... the fast track method... has been utilized in order to meet the overall objectives of the client.

John Bennett, Assistant Development Manager at Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services, explains that one objective from the very beginning was to maximize the positive impact of construction jobs on the local area. The burgeoning need for expanded correctional facilities in the province further dictated the need to proceed as quickly as possible. Therefore, immediate steps were taken to form a "competent team" to oversee and monitor all aspects of design and construction. This team consists of the architect, construction manager, and the cost consultant. The team has become the operational manager of the project. The architect is Wood & Gardener Architects Ltd. of Edmonton who had a great deal of experience in the design of correctional facilities through their involvement as Prime Contractor for the Edmonton Remand Centre and the Edmonton Correctional Centre. Wood & Gardener was able to begin the design work immediately on the basis of their thorough understanding of the requirement of the Alberta Solicitor General according to John Bennett. Within six weeks, an initial design report was

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approved and the "fast tracking" began.

The construction manager is Edmonton based Stuart Olson Construction whose understanding of the project requirements and ability to work as a member of a team fit the selection criteria. Stuart Olson Construction was on site within one month of their appointment. John Bennet notes that Stuart Olson was judged to be best suited managerially to undertake the challenge of working directly with the project architect on the design.

Joined by yet another Edmonton firm, Hanscomb Consultants Inc., who were made responsible for cost control, the three member team immediately began to work together. Meeting regularly to monitor each new step enabled the firms to contribute individual expertise into each decision.

Gary R. Bardell, Manager of Business Development for Stuart Olson points to the ability of the team members to "transform ideas and opinions into actual solutions to problems" as one of the vital factors to the success of the overall effort. "The interaction and close co-operation of the key players certainly requires a lot of give and take. Previous experience as Construction Managers has revealed that decisions are frequently made independently of the other consultants. In this case, a free flow of ideas and appreciation for each other's expertise was most beneficial.

Gary Bardell further adds that "the Construction Management approach enabled us to make quick decisions together as a

nel of communication between the construction staff and the citizens of Grande Cache through contacts with local businesses, the Chamber of Commerce and the news media. Harke notes that "we had as our prime concern from the beginning, the overall impact of the project on Grande Cache. Any community concerns regarding the facility, especially the security aspects we hope have been elevated." Quite obviously, steps have been taken to involve the local residents as much as possible. Harke explains that "feedback from the community has generally been good. We've had their support from day one and we have worked hard to continue to earn it by providing information whenever possible".

A meeting with the Chamber of Commerce was arranged in May of 1983 in order to publicly address all aspects of the project, and to give local residents a chance to meet key construction and government personnel.

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Finally they had a big family fight.

"Well I hate you all and hope never to see any of you again," the smallest of them said as he flew away.

"I will be happier without you too," another one said as she stalked off.

"You are all too mean and selfish for me, I'm leaving too," another of the sisters cried out.

"I can't stand anymore of this

endless fighting either, goodbye," the last brother replied.

"Oh, go on then. I have never seen such ungrateful children. They never think of anyone but themselves. They don't even care for their own brothers and sisters." All this the mother partridge said as she set off by herself. She might also have said, "there can be no family at all without love in it."

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# Indian Affairs Flooded With Applications

by Jim Crow

The Department of Indian Affairs in Edmonton has been swamped with more than 1,100 applications for the reinstatement of membership status since Bill C-31 became law, said Doug Stephenson, manager of the Statutory Requirements division.

An Ottawa hotline has been established to help speed up application processing, but Stephenson admitted it might take two months before final figures are known.

To date, only seven women in Canada have had their applications categorized and completely processed, according to Sandy Ginnish, acting head of reinstatement in Ottawa.

But Ginnish commented that the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, David Crombie, has given her department a high priority so that responses to inquiries can be

worked on, and settled, within two weeks.

It's believed more than 18,000 women and children will be regaining their Native and band membership status.

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- Children whose mother and father's mother did not have status under the Act before their marriage, or who lost status at the age of 21 — commonly known as the double-mother rule.
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Young people are invited to submit their work in two categories, works on paper or sculpture, to the Centennial Library, Edmonton Room, Monday, September 23 to Tuesday, October 1, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

A panel of four judges from the art communities will select entries for display in the Foyer Gallery. Three awards, of gift certificates worth \$100 each, donated by Burlington Art, Morgan's Art Supplies and the Paint Spot, will be presented to three award winners at a reception to be held in the Centennial Library on Wednesday, October 16.

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A new chapter in the unrelenting fight of Treaty Indians to keep aboriginal hunting rights has opened in the province. Three weeks ago a game warden confiscated forty-five wild animal hides from the Hudson's Bay Company at Grande Prairie. These moose hides, which had been purchased from Treaty Indians and Metis, were classed as contraband because the hunters and tanners had not

bought the required \$10.00 annual commercial permit that is required under the present Alberta Wildlife Act.

The leaders of the Indian Association of Alberta are greatly alarmed at this turn of events. Before final court decisions are made regarding alleged illegal hunting and fishing charges that were meted out on a wholesale basis during the past two years, the Alberta Fish

and Wildlife Division has launched stage two of the assault. Under the present Wildlife Act all residents of Alberta, whether Indian, Metis or white, must buy the \$10.00 permit; and, much to the chagrin of Treaty Indians, the province is applying the law inside sovereign Indian reserves.

These episodes to Treaty Indians are much more than just controversy over wildlife law enforcement. At the crux of the whole problem is the validity of strength of the treaties, particularly Treaty 8 which encompasses the northern half of Alberta. The Treaty Commissioner's Report for Treaty 8, dated September 22, 1899, says, "We pointed out that the Government could not undertake to maintain Indians in idleness; that the same means of earning a livelihood would continued after the treaty as existed before it, and that the Indians would be expected to make use of them." Treaty Indian elders alive today are very conversant with that promise.

There is a long precedent for Indians carrying on commerce with explorers and settlers, bartering wild meat, fish, furs and hides for white men's trading goods. Today, as in the past, Indian-owned hides are made into handicrafts to sustain a low level cottage business.

There have always been some cynical, vocal critics in the dominant society who decry the legal rights and benefits that flow from the treaties. They irrationally attack those rights as part of a sharp pronged assimilation scheme. Then, when

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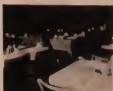
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# Traditional Hunting Rights in Alberta

the sacred rights are denied as in the case at hand, those same critics are quick to condemn the former hunters and tanners for relying on social assistance. In this instance, it is mainly women, including many elderly ones who are supposed to curtail their traditional economic activity.

There's more than meets the eye in regard to this licensing issue. Besides the legislative threat of imposed licensing fees, there is the growing competition that arises from ever-greater white hunting pressure.

In the 1984-85 hunting season the number of general licenses for moose hunting was: resident - 53,963; non-resident - 169,000; and, non-resident alien, 566. These figures mean that 223,529 licenses were issued, almost all to white hunters. Based on an estimated kill of 15%, 33,529 moose were brought down. Consider that there are only 44,000 Treaty Indians in this province, and only a fraction are active hunters. The conclusion is self-evident.

Because the First Ministers' Conferences on Aboriginal Rights in the federal constitution have failed to clarify exactly the nature of long-standing hunting, fishing and trapping rights, a jurisdictional "jungle" remains as far as protection of these rights is concerned. Just the same, the Province of Alberta Fish and Wildlife Division are applying the terms of the Wildlife Act to Indian reserves. The legality of its application is up for question. Invariably, such imposition of unwanted laws ends up in a high court challenge.

Sometimes over-zealous, ambitious young game wardens cross over beyond the limits of the law itself. Take the case of a gentle semiliterate female tanner and handicrafter who resides in the foothills region. Regardless of the status and aborig-

inal rights which she wanted to maintain, a game warden confiscated her hides without even laying a charge. A couple days later after a strong protest by the I.A.A., her hides were mysteriously returned — no questions asked.

Treaty Indian Chiefs and Councils argue stubbornly that they have jurisdiction over the natural resources inside the reserves, but that

is not all. They declare that there must be access to wildlife on Crown lands to ensure their survival. See **continued on Page 18**

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tion 25 of the Charter of Rights in the Canada Act explicitly mentions these

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1763; and (b) any rights or freedoms that may be acquired by the aboriginal peoples of Canada by way of land claims settlement." Recently Fish and Wildlife officials awkwardly

liaised orally with officials of native friendship centres and fur buyers, informing them that teeth were being put into the present Wildlife Act, enforcing it on all sides. Fur buyers, especially, who have had a long commercial association with Indians, have stated their concern over economic losses to Indians who stand to be deprived of their traditional business pursuits. As the situation now stands, an Indian seller and a hide buyer are both culpable under the Wildlife Act. It is also an absurdity that an Indian woman who sells gloves, moccasins or jackets made from a hide which was not covered by a permit, can be charged with an offence. The I.A.A. believes that this condition can severely stifle economic initiative and cultural preservation.

An official of the Fish and Wildlife Division has explicitly stated that an Indian who markets a hide or a hide-derived product can do so as long as he purchases the \$10.00 annual permit. But, if the same Indian persons asserts his or her Treaty Right to harvest big game and sell the raw hide, it will not be tolerated by the enforcement agency.

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# Fewer Ducks In The Bag This Hunting Season

by Dave Moser

The Canadian Wildlife Service and the Alberta Fish and Wildlife Division have introduced new regulations for the 1985 duck hunting season. Reduced bag limits will be in force in an effort to stop possible further population declines of the bird, while enhancing the breeding capacity to increase numbers.

Since the late 1970s, duck populations throughout the prairie region have been steadily falling. The mallard — most important of the game ducks in the prairies, has been hardest hit. Compared to the ten-year average, mallard numbers were down some 23 per cent in southern Alberta.

Poor water conditions, degradation of upland nesting cover, and low reproductive success are cited as principal factors in the falling population of mallards.

## Long-Term Strategy

A long-term waterfowl harvest strategy being jointly developed by Canada and the United States calls for the enactment of restrictive regulations to effect a 25 per cent reduction in the sport harvest of mallard.

In Alberta, the daily bag remains at eight, but only two mallards may be taken daily until October 14, at which time four mallards may be taken daily. With the exception of minor calendar date adjustments, opening and closing dates are generally unchanged from last year.

Restrictive hunting regula-

tions are viewed as a short-term measure, implemented to protect prairie duck breeding stocks. Recovery of the population will depend upon improving nesting success. Although water conditions improved in 1985, a considerable amount of native vegetation was stripped away during the drought.

All goose populations hunted in the three provinces are either stable or

increasing, so consequently no major changes are planned for this group of game bird.

Along with the majority game bird hunting permit, which went on sale in Post Offices August 1, hunters will also be required to purchase an additional \$4 habitat conservation stamp — which must be affixed to their permit to ensure proper validation.

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# Metis Protest Hunting Violations

by George Levit

Several hundred Metis held rallies in six different centres throughout Alberta recently to protest charges

laid against an Edmonton couple for hunting out of season.

Vice president of the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA), Jo-Anne

Daniels, claimed the charges constitute a violation of aboriginal rights, and should be dismissed.

Harvey Wilson, 70, and his wife Emma, 52, were charged by provincial Fish and Wildlife officers in early August after Wilson allegedly shot a deer while the couple were working their trap line near Grande Prairie.

The couple were officially charged with hunting out of season, hunting without a licence, and possession of wild meat.

Daniels said the Wilsons had run very low on food stuffs in the bush, and were consequently forced to kill the animal to survive — a right they should have as

native peoples.

But John Kristensen, executive assistant to provincial Native Affairs minister Milt Pahl, noted that Metis in Alberta do not hold the same rights as Treaty Indians, who can hunt for subsistence throughout the year.

The present law specifies that Metis can only hunt within well-defined hunting seasons that are determined

by the public lands and wildlife department, noted Kristensen.

The annual hunting season for various kinds of game run between the middle of September and the end of November.

Kristensen noted that subsistence hunting licences are available to trappers who live almost exclusively off the land, but only from January to April.

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# New Regulations Help Yukon Adoptees

by Al Shapiro

Adult Yukoners who were adopted now have the way cleared to trace their past and arrange to meet relatives. Regulations approved by the Yukon Cabinet provide for the disclosure of adoption information when the parties involved are agreeable.

"These are passive regulations in that the government is not going into the detective business", said Health and Human Resources minister Margaret Joe. "In fact, no action will be taken unless we have a written request, and any disclosures of information will be subject to agreement by the parties involved."

She remarked that the human resources branch will provide administrative help, but will not operate a missing person bureau. The new regulations simply make it possible for confidential adoption information to be released under certain, specific circumstances.

Several requests for adop-

tion information were already on file at the branch, and these can now be processed. The branch is also preparing a folder explaining rules and regulations.

To be eligible, an applicant must be at least 19-years-old, and have been

adopted in the Yukon. Adoption information, including identifying data on birth parents and siblings would only be disclosed when a birth parent consents, or both parents are dead.

A similar regulation applies to tracing more dis-

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## Investigation of PCB Spill at University of Calgary

In late April 1985 a PCB spill at the University of Calgary was reported to Alberta Environment. The

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dale Boulevard N.W.) was being replaced. The spill involved about one litre of PCBs. The pump-house supplies the University with utility water for heating, cooling and irrigation. There was no indication that the spill was not contained on site.

Alberta Environment issued a Chemical Control Order to the University of Calgary on May 10, 1985. The Control Order required the University to investigate the incident, prepare a clean-up plan and clean-up the site once the plan was approved.

The site was investigated and a plan was submitted. During the site clean-up, further site sampling confirmed high levels of PCBs below the bottom of the drain sump (in the order of 200,000 ppm) which could not be explained by the very minor spill of February 1, 1984. Further investigation indicated that a PCB spill occurred in 1966 when the transformer had originally been installed. Discussion with electricians who had observed the original installation indicates that there had been a leak of PCBs from the transformer and from a drum of transformer fluid. There were no controls of PCBs in 1966 and no requirement to report a leak. PCBs were not restricted in use until 1977.

An Alberta Environment Control Order dated August 23, 1985 directs the University of Calgary to develop clean-up plans and carry them out. Alberta Environment will monitor the site on an ongoing basis.

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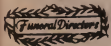
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